

edge of the top adjusting ring of the manhole riser and forming a seal therebetween;

- (b) placing said band over the manhole riser and positioning the bottom edge of said band proximate the base of the manhole riser and securing a top edge of said band to the top adjusting ring of said manhole riser.

~~34~~ (Twice amended) A method for sealing a catch basin of the type having a base, a top adjusting collar and a bottom adjusting collar, the catch basin also having a height defined from a base of the bottom adjusting collar to the top edge of the top adjusting collar, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) selecting a band of elastomeric material, said band having a height wherein the height of said band is at least equal to the height of the catch basin, said band including [an] a mastic adhesive disposed on the inner surface of said band;
- (b) placing said band over the catch basin and positioning said band such that a bottom edge of said band is proximate the base of the catch basin and a top edge of said band is proximate the top edge of the top adjusting collar of the catch basin; and
- (c) securing said band to said catch basin and forming a seal therebetween.

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Advisory Action mailed August 11, 1998, setting a three-month period for response, from the mailing date of the Final Office Action mailed on March 3, 1998, expiring on June 3, 1998. A Petition for a three-month extension to extend the response period to September 3, 1998, is enclosed herewith. An amendment was submitted in response to the Office Action on May 5, 1998. The Examiner stated in the Advisory Action that the Amendment would not be entered. This Amendment is submitted in lieu of the Amendment filed May 5, 1998.

Claims 26-29 and 34-37 were noted in the Advisory Action as allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claims. Claims 30-33 and 38-41 have therefore been canceled, but are being retained in the application pending the filing of an appropriate continuing application. Accordingly,